

December 1, 1963

Mr. J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Friday night, November 22, 1963 at around 11:50 pm, I was going off duty in the Burglary and Theft Bureau. I left the third floor and went to the basement of the Police Building with Lt. George Butler who was going to drive me to where my car was parked. He told me that he wanted to listen to a press conference in the Police Assembly Room which was being held for the purpose of the press interviewing District Attorney Henry Wade and giving them an opportunity to photograph Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected assassin of President Kennedy and Officer J. D. Tippitt.

As we entered the police assembly room, it was entirely filled from back to front with press people and police officers and officials. I estimate that there were about 300 people in this room, many of them standing on the desks and chairs. Deputy Chief Charles Batchelor was at the front of the room near Mr. Wade. He saw me at the door of the room and motioned for me to come over to him. He then instructed me to stand in a line of officers at the front of the room to keep the press or anyone from rushing Oswald when he was brought into this room. I was standing at the right end of the line, next to Captain Glenn King who was on my left. This was immediately prior to Oswalds being brought into this room. I did observe Jack Ruby at this time, standing on a desk next to the east wall and about 25 feet from the front of the room. He had a notebook and pen in his hand as if to take notes. At this time someone near the door shouted to him about what he was doing in this room. He shouted back that he had "brought the sandwiches." He then shouted "I'm interpreting for a Jewish newspaper." At this time, Oswald was brought into the room and Ruby was forgotten.

After Oswald was taken from this room, Mr. Wade conducted his interview. He had trouble being heard due to the noise and clamor in this room, so I turned on the loud speaker system for him. Being unable to leave Mr. Wade's platform, I remained at his right side until he finished his interview. I then left the building with Lt. Butler. I have known Jack Ruby since about 1951 and did not know that he had a police record.

Respectfully submitted,

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